

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

ACTION COPY

43

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Action

Classification

Control: 9298

EUR

Rec'd: JULY 14, 1959
10:50 P.M.

Info

FROM: BERLIN

SS

TO: Secretary of State

SP

NO: 68, JULY 14, 8 P.M.

C

SENT DEPARTMENT 68, BONN 65; REPEATED INFORMATION GENEVA 13,
POLAD USAREUR UNNUMBERED

L

IO GENEVA FOR USDEL

INR

REFERENCE: OURTEL 939 TO BONN, 1052 DEPT, 70 GENEVA.

H

GOVERNING MAYOR WILLY BRANDT HELD SECOND INFORMAL DISCUSSION
WITH CONSULAR CORPS JULY 13 ON PRESENT BERLIN SITUATION AND
DEVOTED PRACTICALLY ENTIRE 2 1/2 HOUR SESSION TO WESTERN
PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN JUNE 16 PAPER WESTERN FONMINS GAVE GROMYKO.
BRANDT STRESSED FOLLOWING POINTS:

P

1. REGRETTED THAT BERLIN OFFICIALS NOT CONSULTED BEFORE PAPER
DELIVERED AS PRIOR CONSULTATION PROBABLY COULD HAVE AVOIDED MANY
AMBIGUITIES PAPER CONTAINS;

IRC

2. SAID PAPER CONTAINS MAXIMUM CONCESSIONS THAT CAN BE MADE
ON BERLIN WITHOUT SURRENDER OF BASIC RIGHTS AND IS THUS POOR
BASIS UPON WHICH TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS;

CIA

3. SAID THAT WHATEVER LEVEL OF ALLIED TROOP STRENGTH MAINTAINED
BERLIN IS IN EFFECT A TOKEN FORCE BUT OBSERVED THAT SOVIETS WOULD
DISTORT MEANING OF ANY REDUCTION AND CLAIM RIGHT TO REGULATE
TROOP STRENGTH. BELIEVES IN REALITY THAT ANY REDUCTION FROM
PRESENT LEVELS WOULD CREATE HAZARD TO PHYSICAL SECURITY OF BERLIN
BY DISTURBING EXISTING PROPORTION OF STRENGTH BETWEEN MILITARY
AND POLICE UNITS;

OSD

4. STATED THAT PROVISIONS IN JUNE 16 PAPER FOR CURTAILMENT OF
PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES WOULD BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO

ARMY

NAVY

AIR

RMR

762-CO/7-1459

PERMANENT

RECORD COPY • This copy must be returned to RSM/RM/central files with notation of action taken.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS
COPY IS PROHIBITED,
UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED".

NND 877418

DECLASSIFIED
By LV NARS, Date 11/27/85

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

-2- 68, JULY 14, 8 P.M., FROM BERLIN

ENFORCE, AND WOULD LEAD TO SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO CURTAIL FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PRESS IN WEST BERLIN;

5. EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO FORBID ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN WEST BERLIN BUT REMARKED AGENCIES WOULD ONLY GO UNDERGROUND.

6. BELIEVES ANY SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR SETTLING BERLIN PROBLEM WOULD INCLUDE SOME FORMULA FOR RECOGNITION OF GDR.

7. HOPES WESTERN POWERS WILL CONTINUE TO STRESS LEGALITY OF THEIR POSITION IN BERLIN AND INSIST UPON EXERCISING ALL THEIR RIGHTS UNTIL ALL-GERMAN QUESTION SETTLED.

CONSENSUS OF CONSULAR CORPS IS THAT BRANDT INTRODUCED NO NEW POINTS BUT MERELY REAFFIRMED FORMER POSITION.

GUFLER

LCC/21

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

RECLASSIFIED
NND 877418
By LV
NAIIS, Date 11/27/85